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KACZYŃSKI PUTS POLAND AT ODDS WITH GERMANY

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These days everyone is distracted by Brexit, but as it turned out today Europe is shaking because of the growing tensions between Germany and Poland which simply can't stay unnoticed.

This refers to the letter supposedly written by the vice-chancellor of Germany Sigmar Gabriel to the president of the European Council Donald Tusk with an open appeal to punish Great Britain for Brexit.

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Dear Mr. Tusk,

It is commonly known that the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union had wide political and economic response. Until recently, we were quite undemonstrative in our statements, but I believe it is the right moment to take strong measures towards the UK.

In 2015 United Kingdom's full membership fee was £17.8 billion. However, the UK paid only £12.9 billion because of the rebate. Britain will pay membership fee at least for ten years until it finally leaves the EU so I am sure that we have to minimize or refuse to provide London with grants and subsidies which form a part of the rebate.

The European Union is the destination for more than a half of all British goods exports and the trading links are bigger if we include the countries that the United Kingdom trades freely with because they have a free trade agreement with the EU. As a result, about 63% of Britain's goods exports are linked to European Union membership. In the nearest future we have to devise a plan and take protectionist measures which will help us to replace British goods and minimize our import from Britain.

Scotland and Northern Ireland disagree with London's decision to leave the EU and it is our responsibility to give them support. In Scotland it would be much easier because the radical public mood there is strong enough and second Scottish independence referendum may be a success. In that case, I think it is necessary to support financially the followers of the EU membership maintenance by using the funds we can get by repealing Britain's rebate and of course assist the early integration of Scotland into European community. As for Northern Ireland, while the biggest part of its population is against leaving the EU, not many people are ready to vote for the independence. However, we

Publication of the letter is solely profitable for Kaczyński and his party because by all means they try to discredit Germany. Forgeries like this harms Poland and intensifies the crisis within Europe.